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PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000

RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION.....\$200,000

OF DIVIDENDS.....\$200,000

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HONGKONG.

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On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 3 per cent per annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent " "

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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Deposits granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,

Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 26, 1886. 947

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$200, at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may, at their option, transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 6 per cent per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balance.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence to the business of the Bank, if marked "On Hongkong Savings' Bank," is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, JOHN WALTER, Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 7, 1886. 754

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000

PAID-UP.....\$2,500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,

40, Treadneedle Street, LONDON.

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In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank executes Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

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Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent per annum.

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On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent per annum on the daily balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the Oriental Bank CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the Balances of such Claims purchased on advantageous terms.

THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

H. A. HERBERT,

Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1886. 1063

## Intimations.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE Annual General MEETING of the above SOCIETY will be held in the CITY HALL on THURSDAY EVENING, the 16th Instant, at 6 o'clock, to receive Committee's Report and Statement of Account, elect Office-Bearers for the ensuing year, and decide concerning the celebration of the forthcoming Anniversary of Sr. ANDREW.

D. H. MACKINTOSH,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, September 10, 1886. 1744

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on SATURDAY, the 25th Instant, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30 June, 1886.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 25th September, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAFRAZ & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, September 8, 1886. 1740

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO., Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VORTEX'S TELESCOPE BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.

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ELLIOT SMITH & PHEASANT PLATEDWARE.

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GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY, in great variety.

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A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,  
QUEEN'S-ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE FOR SALE  
THE FOLLOWING  
STORES.

EX AMERICAN MAIL STEAMER.  
Smoked HAMS.  
Golden SYRUP in Gallon Tins.  
Assorted SYRUPS.  
CUTTING'S Table FRUITS.  
ASPARAGUS.

Queen OLIVES.  
Sausage MEAT.  
CAVIAR.  
Potted MEATS.  
MACKEREL in Bb Tins.  
Eagle Brand MILK.  
Lamb's TONGUES.  
Green CORN.  
Baked BEANS.  
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A LARGE ASSORTMENT  
of  
COOKING AND PARLOUR  
STOVES.

AGATE IRON WARE COOKING  
UTENSILS.  
WOFLE IRONS.  
CHARCOAL IRONS.  
KEROSENE LAMPS.  
NONPARCEL KEROSENE OIL.

WINES, &c.  
SPARKLING SAUMUR, Pts. & Qts. @ \$11 and \$12.  
CUP CHAMPAGNE, Pts. & Qts. @ \$12 and \$14.  
SAUCON'S SHERRY.  
SAUCON'S INVALID PORT.  
ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.  
JAMESON'S WHISKY.  
OLD BOURBON WHISKY.  
HEERING'S CHERRY CORDIAL.  
ASSORTED Liqueurs.  
DRAUGHT, ALE and PORTER.  
&c., &c., &c.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT  
of

OILMAN'S STORES,  
at the  
Lowest Possible Prices  
FOR OASH.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.  
Hongkong, July 1, 1886. 1288  
SIZE HOP  
HAS FOR SALE KUNG LIME OF  
the Best Quality; always Ready on  
hand.  
PRICE MODERATE:  
No. 17, WING FOONG STREET,  
Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, July 26, 1886. 1443

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(In English and Chinese.)  
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use  
of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now  
be had at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.  
CHINA MAIL Office.

NOW READY.  
PRICE, \$1.00.

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By E. H. PARKER.

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at Shanghai and Hongkong, at LANE,  
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FOR the Convenience of Customers, the  
Productions of the 'CHINA MAIL  
PRINTING COMPANY, LIMITED,' can hence-  
ward be obtained by RETAIL, FOR  
CASH, at No. 3, PEEL STREET, at the same  
prices as at the REFINERY; or Retail  
Orders will be delivered at addresses in  
town on applications for forwarding their Monthly  
Requirements in writing direct to the  
REFINERY at East Point.

JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, July 27, 1886. 1128

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS  
are requested to send in a STATEMENT  
of BUSINESS contributed during the Half-  
Year ended 30th June, 1886, or on date  
of the 30th September next, on which date  
the Accounts will be Cleared.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

DAVID GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 30, 1886. 1668

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are  
respectfully informed that if upon  
their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of  
the Company's FOREMEN should be at  
hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the  
Hawas Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will  
receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found  
necessary, Communication with the Under-  
signed is requested, when immediate steps  
will be taken to rectify the cause of dis-  
satisfaction.

D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1886. 1458

## To-day's Advertisements.

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STEAM TO BOMBAY VIA STRAITS.  
(With option of calling at COLOMBO  
should indumence offer.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s  
Steamship  
KINAI  
will leave for the above  
places TO-MORROW, 16th Sept., at Noon,  
instead of as previously advertised.

E. L. WOODIN,  
Acting Superintendent.  
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, September 15, 1886. 1778

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.  
The Co.'s Steamship  
TAMSIU  
Captain HANNIS, will be  
despatched for the above  
ports TO-MORROW, the 16th instant, at  
3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, September 15, 1886. 1777

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.  
The Co.'s Steamship  
ANONYME  
Commandant D'ALBREIX,  
will be despatched for  
SHANGHAI, TO-MORROW, the 16th  
instant, at 6 p.m.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, September 15, 1886. 1782

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PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.  
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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
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PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.  
The Co.'s Steamship  
VOLGA  
Commandant D'ALBREIX,  
will be despatched for  
KOBE and YOKOHAMA TO-MORROW,  
the 16th instant, at 8 p.m.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, September 15, 1886. 1783

NOTICE.

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PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.  
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to injustice of every kind, and that honest and faithful interpreters are a first necessity.

The Gap Rock query ought to let in some light on this question, and elicit the views of Government on a matter upon which the mercantile community appears to have resolved upon getting a decided opinion.

The Estimates for next year and Supplementary Bill close the list, which, as will be seen, is somewhat formidable in its dimensions.

We have to acknowledge receipt of the Chinese Recorder for August. The first article is by the Rev. George Owen, F.R.C.S., and forms the first part of an essay on "New Testament Parallels in the Four Books of China, the books of the Four Philosophers, known as the Ta-Hsio, or Great Learning; the Chung Yung, or Invariable Mean; the Lung Yu, or Analects; and Mo-ting, or works of Mencius." These works, Mr. Owen says, roughly speaking, were written between the years 470-280 B.C. They treat, he continues, almost exclusively of morals, ethics and politics, and if the examples given of their contents can be taken as in anywise representative, there certainly is, as Mr. Owen says, no very deep parallel between them and the New Testament. The central figures are, he says, equally unlike, and he contrasts most forcibly the treatment received by Christ and his disciples with that received by Confucius and the other Chinese philosophers. The article is both instructive and entertaining. The Rev. G. W. Clarke follows with the conclusion of his article on the Introduction of Mahometanism in China; the Rev. J. L. Nevin also concludes his series of letters on Methods of Mission Work. The Editor says Dr. Nevin's letters are valuable and useful to the cause of missions, and that having been called for in a separate form will soon be issued by The Presbyterian Press. The other contents of the number are articles of a philological nature by the theologians Dr. Edkins and Mr. Parker, which are anything but of general interest, a review of Dr. Mateer's Geometry by Dr. Martin, and editorial notes and missionary news.

The new Tao-tai of Canton is apparently determined to reform the morals of the people or at least put such a stigma on vice as will deter them from indulging their passions. He has, we hear, ordered all the brothel-keepers to wear a distinctive green cap and vest, so that they may be well known by the people. He has also disbanded the occupants of the flower-boats, who were a strong allurement for the wealthy Chinese. And not content with these measures, he has issued an edict requiring that the entrance doors to all brothels shall not exceed three feet in height and two feet in breadth, so that all who visit such establishments shall be put to the indignity of creeping into their haunts. His reforming zeal has not even stopped at this class of sinners, but has been displayed against the poor shaven priests and nuns, who have been told that they must either allow their hair to grow like that of other people or betake themselves to the Lo Fu mountains. We believe this great reformer gave a similar manifestation of his ardour in the Foochow district with not very satisfactory results. There has, however, been a general movement in the Canton district against brothels, which may have stimulated the Tao-tai to take the action he has done. We shall be glad to hear that his measures have had a beneficial effect, and then perhaps we might incline to suggest that a leaf might be taken from his book by the Hongkong authorities.

The following are the Orders of the Day for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on Friday next:

1. (a.) The Honourable A. P. MacEwan, pursuant to notice to ask.—1. What conclusions have been arrived at by the Commission which was appointed by the Government in November, 1885, to enquire into the cargo-boat question?

(b.) Is it true that no proper legal steps were taken to evict the squatters at Lap-sipan?

Is it true that no arrangements were made for housing the people before putting down their shanties?

Is it true that many of them are now housed elsewhere?

If such is not the case, to move for papers showing that the Government did take legal steps; did make previous arrangements, and that none are now housed, to move:—(c.) That a European Branch of the Interpretation Department be established forthwith.

2. Call for—Correspondence between Capt. McLean of H.M.S. "Flying Fish" and the Government, with the minutes thereof, respecting a Lighthouse on Gap Rock or its vicinity, and to move a resolution on the subject.

2. First reading of The Appropriation Bill for 1887.

3. Second reading of The Supplementary Appropriation Bill for 1885.

Rev. Dr. Blodget in the newspapers urges the Baptist Missions of Burma in particular to enter China from the "Back Door," and we find that Mr. J. T. Morton, merchant of London, offers to bear the whole expense of sending four men to South West China by that route, for five years, at a charge that will not be less than \$25,000.—*Chinese Recorder.*

No less than twenty new species of the genus *Primula* have recently been described in the *Bulletin of the Botanical Society of France*, by M. A. Brachet, from the mountains of Yunnan, collected by M. Delavay, a French missionary. They are said to have the greatest beauty of most primroses, we are like many others of the same genus, found of a sub-Arctic locality. These were nearly all found at elevations varying from 10,000 to 13,000 feet, and many impinged the glaciars of that region.—*New York Independent.*

Rev. Dr. Blodget writes to *Chinese Recorder* from Peking:—“A beautiful harvest of telegraph-cables [電線] is already well on the stocks. A real ironclad [鐵甲] is also to be attempted as an experiment.”

The *Shin Pao* of the 22nd June speaks of a German loan to the Viceroy of Canton in 1885 of £1,000,000 in the year. That of the 23rd of June says the Governor of Formosa has given Messrs. Jardine a contract for 35 Armstrongs and 3,000 shot; total £1,000,000. Then it was not Messrs. Russell & Co.

The *Shin Pao* mentions the 車里馬來 tribe [錫土] of the Yin Nan frontier, to whom the King of Burma gave a daughter in marriage. The "Kell" are said to be intriguing with the Burmans to recover Ava from England, and the peaceful Governor of Yin Nan is said to be squabbling with the bellicose Viceroy Te-hu, who has threatened to report him to the Emperor.

For Formosa expenses it is proposed during five years to make the Amoy Customs contribute £1,200,000; Hankow, Ningpo, Shanghai, Canton, Kwangtung, £1,300,000 between them.

The Chinese are planting military colonies on the Kliautai frontier in the 西博爾 valley.

The Cantonese troops are armed with Sniders, Krupps and Mausers. Twelve more Krupps, and 1,500 new Mausers have just been bought.

With reference to Dr. Edkins' paper in the N.C.A.S. Journal on the ancient course of the Yangtze, it may be observed that, in 4,000, there were 500,000 lives lost at Hangchow, and 300,000 at Soochow on the occasion of a great flood.

The Chinese Admiralty 軍械局 is an established fact, and its 5,000 men have been borrowed from a British firm in wherewith to destroy the preliminary expenses. An official is sent as distributor upwards of 50,000 tools, and the Emperor for the autumn has sent down upwards of 200,000 men. The official, Chin, in charge of the money, contributed at the ports by Chinese and foreigners is still busy, being part of the time in Chih-kiang and part of the time in Chang-chin. He sometimes distributes grain, and sometimes money, doing this not according to a definite system, but as his subordinates inform him is best. The Rev. Mr. Morgan has been part of the time with him, but as his own responsibility is nil, and his duties by no means arduous, he has returned to do his regular missionary work. Chin was appointed by Li Hung Chang, and was referred to in the Memorial to the Throne; Mr. Morgan, however, had no appointment, only magnanimously offering to assist. He has no recognition in China, and the new Envoy's first task will probably be to negotiate a Concordat. The Republican papers hint that Germany and England prompted the Pope to make the overture which the Pope has accepted. However this may be, it is not easy to see how the Pope could with any grace have rejected the overture, not how Italian, Spanish, and Belgian missionaries in China could for ever go on soliciting French passports. It is obviously natural that a missionary should be under the protection of his own Government, the latter promising the redress if he is wronged, and exchanging explanations with the Chinese authorities if he comes into collision with the mandarins. It would appear that the French missionaries are the most numerous, and, if so, France will still have the largest share of the protectorate. The Pope, too, has studiously kept France informed of the progress of the negotiations, thus proving that he had no thought of inflicting an affront on her, and the protection of French anti-Clericals to be better judges of Catholic interests than the Pope himself in somewhat amusing. If, moreover, the Chinese had chosen to forbid the operations of the Jesuits, the French Envoy would not have been in a very logical position in defending abroad a community not tolerated by his Government at home. It is certainly possible that the anti-Clerical campaign in France encouraged China in proposing direct diplomatic relations, and diminished the reluctance of the Vatican to assent; but, if so, the Republic should be wary, not with the Pope nor with outsiders, but with itself. If the continuance of the campaign should some day induce Turkey to strike a similar blow at the French French protectorate over Turkish Catholics, the Republic will not be able to complain of having had no warning.

The *Shang-pao* states that the incessant rain has flooded the streets of Soochow to such an extent that it is impossible to walk about, and the water in the river has risen more than a foot in height. My houses have tumbled down, and the rice crops in the country round about Soochow are destroyed.

Mines are being opened in 惠州 and in 顏色瀘州 near Canton. Machinery and prospectors are already on the spot.

The Empress has personally selected 30 pretty girls [秀女] with a view to developing them into Empresses and concubines. They are divided into 'one dab' and 'two dabs' of red-ink categories; the former have been endeavoured to be concubines, and the two dabs [雙嬪] evidently being destined for imperial uses and careers. Both classes have been sent home for a rest, and are to reappear for further inspection shortly.

PRAYERS FOR THE EMPEROR OF CHINA.

We learn from the *Chinese Recorder* that the following circular has been issued to the members of the China Branch of the Evangelical Alliance and others interested in the welfare of China by the Rev. H. Blodget, President of the China Branch of the Alliance, and the Rev. Dr. Edkins and Rev. J. L. Whiting, Secretaries. The circular is dated Peking, July 14:—

Dear Brethren,—A suggestion has been made that special prayer should be offered for the Emperor of China at the present time. We heartily respond to the suggestion, and urgently recommend that all should unite in frequent and earnest prayer at the throne of heaven, graciously to his behalf. There can be no question that the young Monarch is at an age of special importance in regard to the formation of character, and the adoption of future policy, which will determine the influence of our Government. It is eminently proper to pray that the influence of God to him may be now as it may be controlled of God to advance the interests of his kingdom. It is not only a general duty to pray for kings and for all the authority of which we here speak. There are special reasons that should induce us to make supplication for the Emperor at the present time. On the 23rd of the 6th month near at hand, he will enter on his sixtieth year. By a decree of the Emperor, he will then assume the reins of government. Not long afterwards we may expect the marriage of the Emperor to take place. Let us present many ardent prayers to God for him, that he may be endowed with heavenly wisdom, that his life may be long, and that the Christian faith may during his reign be rapidly and permanently spread among high and low throughout the empire.

THE FLOODS IN CHINA.

The *Shanghai Mercury* publishes the following appeal for assistance to the suffering from the recent floods in Shantung, which we have no doubt will be generously responded to:—

DISSIPES IN SHENKANG.

Subscriptions are earnestly solicited for the purpose of alleviating the distress caused by the recent floods throughout the river-valleys of this province.

For days the plains have been a vast lake, across which state and sailing without hindrance; houses have fallen by hundreds where he, and other would-be authorities are in error on this subject. Trusting that you will insert this letter in your daily and weekly papers, without delay, I remain as usual.

Yours faithfully,

W. M. Nevin,  
Major-General Chinese Army,  
&c., &c., &c., Canton.

CHINESE NOTES.

(Translated for the "China Mail.")

The Foochow Arsenal Superintendent sends in a very sensible paper quoting Admiral Courbet's report, from the French "Blue Books." He proposes a new dock below Pagoda Anchorage, utilising for the purpose a small creek above 象山 [象山].

The N.C.A.S. Nanyang correspondant, writing on the 4th September, says:—Talk about flood, the whole province

has been almost under water, and the poor people have been washed out of houses and homes. Several members of the community have made subscriptions, but these fall very short of the requirements. The winter may bring with it a lot of troubles owing to the starving condition of the natives. The Puffins are sure to take advantage of the circumstances and local banditti are bound to come to the fore. The price of produce in the autumn is likely to be interfered with owing to the damage done to crops—and the scarcity of new ones. There is a decided change in the weather and every time the wind turns to the north, the thermometer goes down. Already Fahr has marked a snow-shoe about 50° and there is not much danger in winter. Ships are beginning to swing properly with the ebb and flow—so we may conclude some of the water has left the country.

The Chin-nan correspondent of the same paper writes:—The Yellow River continues to break its banks, which the people are crowding and marauding and subduing. It is estimated that as many as 100,000 persons on some 100 islands are suffering from overflow, some of which are in Chih-kiang and some in Shantung. An official is sent as distributor upwards of 50,000 tools, and the Emperor for the autumn has sent down upwards of 200,000 men. The official, Chin, in charge of the money, contributed at the ports by Chinese and foreigners is still busy, being part of the time in Chih-kiang and part of the time in Chang-chin. He sometimes distributes grain, and sometimes money, doing this not according to a definite system, but as his subordinates inform him is best. The Rev. Mr. Morgan has been part of the time with him, but as his own responsibility is nil, and his duties by no means arduous, he has returned to do his regular missionary work. Chin was appointed by Li Hung Chang, and was referred to in the Memorial to the Throne; Mr. Morgan, however, had no appointment, only magnanimously offering to assist. He has no recognition in China, and the new Envoy's first task will probably be to negotiate a Concordat.

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the Chinese are to be adopted some such course as he

has proposed.

Now, is it not evident on Lord Ran-

dolph's own showing that the Paddington

electors, when he appeals for re-election,

should show their appreciation alike

by "positively directing" him to act

upon his own prescription? It would

perhaps be well if some stout free

trader, and economist, say Mr. Thorold

Rogers, whose capacity for vituperation

and demagogic oratory almost equals that

of Lord Randolph himself, were to oppose

his re-election at South Paddington in order

to emphasize the popular disgust at the

policy of inquiry which he so eloquently

professed in Opposition.

FRANCE AND THE VATICAN.

The Times correspondent in Paris, tele-

graphing on the 6th August, says:—

The Pope's decision to send Monsignor

Aglardini as Nunzio to Pekin is a great mor-

alitus for the French Republicans, put-

ting an end as it does to the French

protectorate over Chinese Catholics. Some

of them suddenly profess a great interest

in the later, and even change the Pope with

the most decided opposition.

THE CHINESE IN OULCUTT.

Mr. Gibbons, an

old part of the world was indicated by the

condition of their old colour. After being

entertained in a carriage on the ground

they proceeded to London.

The steamer *Yeo Ho*, built and engine by

Messrs. Blackwood and Gordon, Port Glas-

gow, has had her official trip on the Clyde,

when, on an average of four runs on the

manufactured miles, she attained a speed of

about 10 miles per hour laden with cargo.

This steamer is built to Lloyd's classifica-

tion, and is of 200 tons burthen, with com-

pound engines of 45-horse power. She is

built to the order of China merchants for

trading in Eastern waters, and will leave

this week under command of Captain

Vipond.

LATEST MAIL ADVICE.—YOKOHAMA, JULY 1; SHANGHAI, JULY 3; FOOCHOW, JULY 3;

HONGKONG, JULY 8.—THE P. & O. MAIL, ex

STEAMER *ROSETTA*, from SHANGHAI, JUNE 26,

was received, via BRINDISI, on the 9th inst.

THE FRENCH MAIL, via MARSEILLE, ex

MARITIME STEAMER *OZU*, with the advices

from CHINA and the STRAIT SETTLEMENTS,

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THE HOUSE in CASTLE ROAD No. 1.

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Hongkong, February 6, 1886. 255

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Hongkong, May 31, 1886. 1064

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Hongkong, January 28, 1886. 192

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